

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - JUNE 11, 1996 - Revised
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Michaeljohn Horne at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 1996, in the Werle Building, 626 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Those choosing to do so recited the Pledge.

B. ROLL CALL:

The Recording Secretary called roll.

Present: Steven Davis, Michaeljohn Horne, Leslie Hull,
Sandra Klein, Peter Mackler, John Nieto, Shirley Roberts

Excused: none

Absent: none

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Sam Baxter, Landscape & Building Maintenance Administrator; Curtis Brown, Jr., Recreation Services Administrator; Jodi Curlee, Social Services Administrator; Daphne Dennis, and Jeff Book.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The Recording Secretary reported that notices were posted as required.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to indicate this on a speaker request form.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 14, 1996, meeting were approved, with the amendment that Commissioner Roberts was present, and that Commissioner Klein was not.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES PROGRAMMING

Daphne Dennis presented the Social Services recommendation on families and communities programming, which will use funding from four sources: funds previously allocated for the contract with Chabad, funding from the Healthy Cities program, Families & Communities Task Force money; and donations. The proposed use of the funds includes after-school programming, dispute resolution and peer-mediation training, funding for the arts, and a teen jobs program through WHEST.

Commissioner Klein asked how many youth/children are actually served, and Daphne estimated 600-800 in the DRS program, depending on the actual percentage of city residents who are among the students at West Hollywood

Elementary. Commissioner Horne suggested working with the Actors Studio and the Strasberg Studio on youth programming, and Commissioner Klein suggested connecting with Design for Sharing.

Commissioner Klein moved, and Commissioner Mackler seconded, to approve the Social Services funding recommendation on families and youth programs, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Davis reported on the Chairs Meeting and on the Senior Advisory Council, including the DGA presentation of "Deaf Heaven" and "Last Night at Maud's."

Commissioner Mackler gave a legislative update that May 31 is the deadline for passage of bills by the house of origin. There will be a meeting this week with the County AIDS Office. He also commented on the gay/lesbian marriage legislation which is coming up for hearing in the Judiciary Committee.

Commissioner Klein reported on the Human Relations Mutual Assistance Consortium, which will meet Thursday.

Commissioner Klein noted that disaster supplies are being stolen, and asked for methods that they can be kept easily available when needed, but protected from theft in the meantime.

Commissioner Klein also commented on the joint meeting with the City Council, expressing disappointment that the meeting time was reduced due to a late start, and that the Council Members seemed uninterested in the subject matter, and spoke with staff and did other work rather than interacting with the Commission members. She called for another meeting with the Council to address topics the Commission did not have time to raise.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

Jodi Curlee reported that the July Commission meeting will focus on social services funding.

Lloyd Long reported that the supervisors may place the Los Angeles County Park Bond Act of 1996 on the ballot in November, and that the City has been recommended for \$1.1 million in improvement funding if the bond is approved.

He also reported that Council is discussing creating a new city park on Kings Road south of Santa Monica Boulevard. The property available there is 26,000 square feet.

The new municipal parking garage at Kings Road and Santa Monica Boulevard will have its grand opening Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

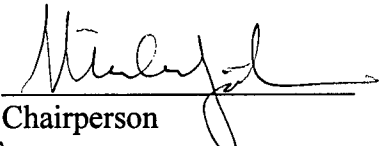
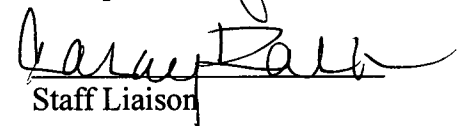
There were no additional items from the public.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION:

At this time there was a motion to move to closed session to hear a matter related to possible litigation involving the City. This was an urgency item which emerged following the completion of the agenda for the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the Commission moved to closed session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the Commissioner was adjourned to a walking tour of improvements in West Hollywood Park. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m., July 09, 1996, in the Community Conference Room, unless otherwise announced.

Verified by:  7-15-96
Chairperson Date
 7-15-96
Staff Liaison Date